

And all-admiring, with an inward wish
You would desire, the king were made a
prelate:
Hear him debate of commonwealth
affairs.
You would say,—it hath been all-in-all
his study:
List his discourse of war, and you shall
hear
A fearful battle render'd you in musick:
Turn him to any cause of policy,
The Gordian knot of it he will unloose,
Familiar as his garter; that, when he
speaks,

that his *sacred* maiesty spake by the spirit of
God." And, in
effect, this scene was added after King James's
accession to the
crown : so that we have no way of avoiding its being
esteemed a
compliment to *him*, but by supposing it a
compliment to *his*
bishops. WARBURTON.

Why these lines should be divided from the rest
of the speech
and applied to King James. I am not able to
conceive nor why
an opportunity should be so eaderly snatched to
treat with con-
tempt that part of his character which was the least
contemptible.
King James's theological knowledge was not
inconsiderable. To
preside at disputations is not very suitable to a
king, but to un-
derstand the questions is surely laudable. The
poet, if he had
James in his thoughts, was no skilful encomiast: for
the mention
of Harry's skill in war forced upon the
remembrance of his au-
dience the great deficiency of their present king :
who vet. with all
his faults, and many faults he had, was such, that
Sir Robert
Cotton says, " he would be content that England
should never
have a better, provided that it should never have a
worse."

JOHNSON.
Those who are solicitous that iustice should be
done to the
theological knowledge of our British Solomon, may
very easily
furnish themselves with specimens of it from a book
entitled, Rex
Platonicus, sive de potentissimi Principis Iacobi
Britanniarum Re-
gis ad illustrissimam Academiam Oxoniensem
adventu. Aug. 27.
Anno 1605. In this performance we may still hear
him reasoning
in Divinitv Phvsick, Jurisprudence, and
Philosophy. On the
second of these subjects he has not failed to
express his well-
known enmity to tobacco, and throws out many a
roval witticism
on the "Medici Nicotianistae," and "Tobacconists"

of the age :
insomuch, that Isaac Wake, the chronicler of his
triumphs at Ox-
ford, declares, that " nemo nisi iniquissimus rerum
aestimator, bo-
nique publici pessim& invidus *Iacobo* nostro
recusabit immortalē
gloriae a»ram figere, qui ipse adeo mirabilem in
Theologiae, *Juris***
prudēti, et *Medicines* arcanis peritiam eamque
ejst, n V &c. STBKVENS!